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# THE OBSERVATOR's Tryal and Defence This Good *DAY.*

From Saturday October the 28th, to Saturday November the 4th, 1704.

*Obs.* *This is the* Day *in which our* Valour *must*
*Try if our* Title *to* Rebell *be Just.*

Besides, ( as I take Notice in my *Vidication* Observator, *Oct.* 26. N. 63.) it is the *Birth-Day* of our Late *DEAR KING.* Which I take for a Good *Omen.* I hope I may be forgiven for his sake. I'm sure I serv'd Him Faithfully. And tho' I Turn'd *Cat* in *Pan* to him, and *Besiav'd* him too, when he was *Dead* (as thou hast it in thy *Rehearsal* N. 5.) Yet I hope he will consider, what a *Mortal FEAR* We were in at that *Time*, when We saw *Hereditary* Return again, in the Person of a *Princess* whom *WE* had *Disdainfully* Treated; And some sought her *Life*, to have brought her into a *Plot*, and to have Prevented her *Accession* to the *Throne* of her *Ancestors*, as shew'd in *Rehearsal* N. 11. And Measuring Her by our selves, what is it *We* cou'd have Expected? What Reason had *WE* to think of All that *Goodness* and *Clemency WE* have met with, not only to be *Forgiven*, but *Advanc'd*, and put into *Places* of the Greatest *Honour* and *Trust*, Equal, at least, to those who had Always Preserv'd an Entire *Reverence* and *Duty* to her *Royal Highness*, and were not Afraid to *Express* it; when *Others* thought it not *Safe*; And came not in till the *Eleventh* Hour, yet were made *Equal* to *Those* who had Borne the *Burthen* and *Heat* of the *Day.*

But above All, the *Interest* of *Legion* our *GOD* is Concern'd in the *Fate* of this *Day.* For if I am *Cast*, *ENGLAND* is *Dispossess'd* of *Him*, and He must be Turn'd into the *Herd* of *Swine.* His *Hissing* little *Serpents* will be *Mute*, if *I* his *Trumpeter General* am *Silenc'd.*

On the other hand, if *I* come off *Scot-free*, then the *Word* is Given, and I *Proclame* it *Aloud*, so many *Times* a *Week*, for full *License* to *Scandal*! And let None hereafter be *Afraid* to *Attack* the *Government* and *Ministry*, from *Top* to *Bottom*, in the *Plainest* and most *Abusive* manner; for none can *Exceed* what *I* have done!

*Country-m.* Come, *Master*, Let thee and me use the *Disciplin* We have Learn'd in the Famous *University* of *New-Gate*; Where the *Criminals* Sit, and Try one Another; and thereby give a shrew'd *Guess* what will Come of it. Then I am *Judge*, for this Bout——Bring that *Rogue* the *Observator* to the *Bar.*

*Obs.* An't please your *Worship*, my *Good Lord Country-man*, I am your *Humble Servant.* I have *Discover'd* several *Abuses* in the *Navy* and *Victualling Office*, and that is the *Crime* for which I stand Here.

*Country-m.* No, *Sirrah*, That is not the matter. But thy *manner* of Doing it. In *Appealing* to the *Mobb*, and Endeavouring to *Enflame* them all over the *Nation*, and Possess them against the *Government*, in thy *Nasty Observators.* If thou had'st any thing to *Inform*, or to *Accuse* any Body of, the *Law* is open, and thou shoud'st have *Impleaded* them before the Proper *Judges.* But to Throw thy *Scandals*, like *Fire-Brands*, all through the *Nation*, must be only to *Spirit* up the *Mobb*, for no Good *End* to be sure! What *Account* can you Give of That?

*Obs.* The same that I Give in my *Observator*, Vol. 3. N. 62. of last *Octob.* 24. *The Officers of the Navy Wear the Nations Livery*; *And I hope those who Pay Taxes, may take notice how they are Spent.*

*Country-m.* What do'st mean, *Boys*, by the *NATIONS Livery?* Do's the *Nation* wear a *Livery*?

*Obs.* Thou Improves very *Dully* under all my *Instructions*, thou *Rehearser*; Thou never minds the *Plot* of the *Play*! Dos'nt Remember how in all my *Observators*, from Top to Bottom, I always use this *Stile* of Calling every thing the *Peoples*, as the *Peoples LAWS*, the *Peoples KING*, &c. That is, All *Made BY* the *People*; And so *Accountable* to the *People*! And if the *King* is so, much more are his *Liveries* and his *Badges*, worn by whomsoever! Therefore I say, That the *Admiralty* and *Navy Office*, and so All the *Offices* and *Officers* in the *Nation* (which word I always use instead of *Kingdom*, I Hate that *Word*!) do *Wear* the *NATIONS Livery*, not the *KINGS.* And consequently are the *NATIONS*, that is, the *PEOPLES*, that is, the *Mobbs*, that is, *Country-man*, *THINE* and *MY Officers*, *Souldiers*, &c. *Wearing OUR Livery*, and *Accountable* to *US Boys*! Even the *King* or *Queen* her self! *SHE* too *Wears OUR Livery*! Her *Sword*, *Scepter*, and *Crown*, her *Robes RED* and *BLEW*, her *Spurs*, and all her *Trinkets*, are *OUR Liveries*! *SHE herself* is *OURS*! In this sense it is, That I Repeat so often the Noblest *Title* I Give her of *MY Queen*, and *MY Queen!* As Teaching her, How much *She* is a *Subject* to *ME*! For who made her *Queen* of *ME*? Even *ME* my *Self*! And you know, who *Makes*, can *Unmake*! The *Inherent* and *Radical POWER* is still in *ME*! For, as our *Oracle* says,

*I alone am King of* ME.

This *Kingdom* of *ME* is scituated in what they Call *Terra Australis Incognita.* And is the only *Place* in the *World*, where Men were

*Born free, as Nature first made Man,*
*Ere the Base Laws of Servitude Began,*
*When Wild in Woods the Noble Savage Ran.*

From this *Utopia* We have taken all our *Schems* of *Government* ever since! This is true *Liberty* and *Property*, to Reduce all to the *Noble Savage* again! To make *Mobb* the *Supreme*, And *Kings* and *Queens* to *Worship US*, and *Wear OUR Liveries*!

*Country-m.* I did not know what Fine *Foot-Men*, and *Foot-Women* I had before! Then MY *Queen*, is MY *Waiting-Maid*, is she not? And I may send her of an *Errand*, to fill me a *Dish* of *October*, or to *Clean* my *Shoos*, if I *Judge* it for the *Good* of the *Kingdom* of ME! Otherwise, I may Turn her out of *Doors*, and Get some other *Good-Woman* for my *House-keeper*! Isn't all this Right? *Master.*

*Obs.* Most *Certainly* and *Apparently* CONSEQUENTIAL to all our *Principles.* Nay, not only to Turn our *King* or *Queen* to the *Door*, but *to Cut them in Pieces, and Drag them about the Streets*, if

WE

WE Judge them *Guilty* of what WE pleaſe to call *Treaſon* againſt US their *Maſters*! As I have Aſſerted in my *Obſervator*, Vol. 2. N. 22. And in many others. It is the *Theam* I *Preach* upon. This is the *Concluſion* of Every *Argument* I bring. The *Depoſing Doctrin* is my *Text*. I *Maintain* it *Openly*, and in Expreſs *Terms*. And I Turn the *Revolution* upon that *Foot* (Contrary to the *Declaration* of the *Convention*) That under the *Shadow* of *That*, I may ſpeak *Treaſon* my Belly full.

*Country-m.* But who is it has this *Authority* to to Call KINGS to *Account*, to *Examine* into their *Adminiſtration*, and Paſs *Sentence* upon them, to *Cut* them in *Pieces*, *Drag* them about the *Streets*, &c? Is it the *Mobb*, the *People*, Every one that Pleaſes, THEE or ME? *Maſter*. Or is it only the *People* when *Repreſented* in *Convention* or *Parliament*?

*Obſ.* It is THEE and ME and EVERY BODY! It is WE that are the *Original* of *Parliaments*, as well as of *Kings*. The *Houſe* of *Commons* Call themſelves OUR *Repreſentatives*. As I ſay (*Vol. 2. N. 79.*) *I have now two Members in the Houſe of Commons, Repreſenting my Perſon.* Arn't *We* Brave fellows, *Country-man*! And we have Exercis'd our *Authority* to the Full over this Preſent *Houſe* of *Commons*, in our *Legion-Million* Papers, wherein We call them downright *Rogues* and *Villains*, and *Betrayers* of their *Truſt* to US. And in my *Obſervators* I Pay them off Plentifully. And ſay, *Vol.* 2. N. 99. That I don't mean Them at St. *Stephen*, in my *Liſt* of *Knaves*, nor the *Bench*, nor the *Church*! When the *Obſervator* but one before, N. 97. I put all the *Preſent Judges*, into my *Liſt*, and Vol. 3. N. 2. The *Upper Houſe* of *Convocation*, as well as the Inferior *Clergy*. And thoſe at St. *Stephen* no more than theſe!

In Vol. 2. N. 79. I call a Book of Sir *Humphrey Mackworth's* an *Appeal to the People*. And Infer, That *Any one of the People may ſhew his Like or Diſlike of that Appeal.* So that it is *Every one* of the *People* that is *Appeal'd* to. And *Every one* may Give his *Sentence*, and *Cenſure* whatever *Action* of the *Government* that I bring before him, in my *Appeals* of *Obſervators*, and all the reſt of our *Scandalous Clubb*.

But I have told thee Plainly to whom *Appeals* may be Made, and who have *Right* to *Examin* into the *Adminiſtration* of the *Government*, even *All* that Pay *Taxes*, as before Quoted in my *Obſervator*, Preparatory to my *Tryal*, Vol. 3. N. 62. *And I hope* (ſay I) *Thoſe who pay Taxes, may take Notice how they are Spent.*

*Country-m.* Now thou talk'ſt of *Tryal*, I have forgot my ſelf all this while; I have been Talking with Thee at the old Rate, as thy ſimple *Country-Man*. I forgot my *Poſt* at this Time, that I am now thy *Judge*; Therefore muſt put on *Authority*, and Deal with Thee like a Foul *Criminal*, as Thou art. I'll *Teach* thee Now *Another* ſort of Doctrine. Thou ſay'ſt, That *All* that Pay *Taxes* may take *Notice* how they are *Spent*. Who are they that Pay *Taxes*; Come, tell me Quickly—

*Obſ.* Your *Lordſhip* Knows as well as Me. Every *Man*, *Woman* and *Child* in the *Nation*, both *Alive* and *Dead*. For We are *Tax'd* for the *Firſt* and *Laſt* BREATH that We *Draw*. Becauſe it is by our own *Conſent*. Which makes Us *Free-Born*, beyond any other *People*!

*Country-m.* That is, We are Born *Free* to Pay *Taxes*! Call'ſt thou this *Free-Born*? Thou Ought'ſt to be *Hang'd* for a *Dunce*, as well as a *Knave*. Do *Children* in the Womb give their *Vote* to be *Tax'd* as ſoon as they are *Born*?

*Obſ.* If they *like* not the *Conditions* of our *Government*, they may *Stay* where they are, and not come into it! Or go and be *Born* in ſome other *Country* where they *Like* the *Conſtitution* Better! But Good your *Lordſhip*, I have ſomething Elſe to ſay. They are *Concluded* by their *Repreſentatives* in *Parliament*.

*Country-m.* Did they *Vote* for ſuch *Repreſentatives*?

*Obſ.* As much, as much the *Major* Number of the *Grown People*, who have no *Vote* in *Elections*. And why may not a *Child* have a *Repreſentative*, as well as a *Man* who never *Votes* for Any?

*Country-m.* MASS! The *Rogue* has *Puzzel'd* Me! He's *Book-Learn'd*! And now I find, That the *People* of *England* are no more *Repreſented*, than the *Children* that are yet *Un-Born*! But why then do We call the *Houſe* of *Commons* the *Repreſentatives* of the *People*?

*Obſ.* Why? Are not thoſe who have *Votes* the *People*? That is, a *Part* of the *People*! And it is a Common *Figure* to put a *Part* for the *Whole*. And ſo, Tho they are not *Half* nor *Half* the *Half* of the *People*; yet, by OUR *Figure* of *Speaking*, they are *The People*!

*Country-m.* Then, by this *Rule*, any *Two* or *Three* may Call themſelves *The People*! Even *Thou ROGUE*, and *Me ROGUE*!

*Obſ.* Yes, an' Pleaſe Your *Honour*! If We were *Strong* enough, and had a *Party* to ſtand by Us! We ſhou'd be as Good *The People*, as any *Party* ever Took that *Name*!

*Country-m.* But, for the Preſent, I'll Call *Thee ROGUE* to an Account. This then is thy meaning, That whoever Pay *Taxes* have a *Right* to Know how they are *Employ'd*. Then every *Man*, *Woman*, or *Child*, *Born*, or *Unborn*, may come to my Lord *Treaſurer*, take him by the *Sleeve*, and Demand an *Account* how all the *Taxes* are Diſpos'd of? And ſo they may to the *Houſe* of *Commons*, and to the *Queen*, And *Tear HER* and *Parliament* to *Pieces*, and *Drag* them about the *Streets*, &c. if they Give not ſuch an *Account* as ſhall be *Pleaſing* to theſe *Demanders*.

How can any *Goverment* ſtand at this Rate? This is all *Mobb*! Lets in an *Ocean* of *Mobb* upon Us, as *Ovid* ſays,

*Omnia vulgus erat, Sceleriſque licentia vulgo.*

The ſetting up ſuch *Doctrines* as Theſe, and making *People* Drunk with ſenſeleſs *Notions* of *Free-Born*, *Original* of *Government* from *Mobb*, &c. Deſerves *Animadverſion*, more than all the *Highway-Men* and *Thieves* in *England*. Becauſe it do's infinitely more *Miſchief*. It *Unhinges* all *Government*, and keeps the *People* perpetually *Madding* for New *Revolutions*. And, if it Prevail'd, it wou'd Turn the whole *Earth* into one *Aceldama*.

*Obſ.* Let them Look to that! But this is the True *Doctrine* of *OUR Church*. This is the *Liberty* and *Property* of *Engliſh-Men*, their *Birth-Right*, and Diſtinguiſhing *Characteriſtick* from All *other Slaves*, who are *Tame* in their *Subjection*! For this I was *Born* a *Stickler*. And for this I intend to ſpend my Deareſt *Blood*. For this (as I have given *Warning* in my *Obſervator*, Vol. 2. N. 13.) *I am Reſolv'd to Get my ſelf and Family Compleatly Arm'd; I have Got already Two good Proteſtant Muskets, and Three Basket-Hilt Swords, that were us'd at* MARSTON-MOOR, EDGE-HILL, *&c.* If I be not *Hang'd* in *Time*, There ſhall be Another *Marſton-Moor* Touch for the *Liberties* of *England*! And ſo I leave my ſelf to your *Lordſhip*, and the *Honeſt JURY*.

*CULPRET.*

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